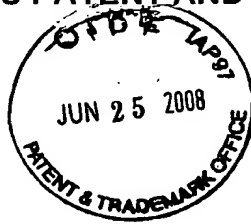


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith. Each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached Communication of a notice of opposition and attached Opposition, issued by the European Patent Office (EPO) on January 31, 2008, for a European counterpart of the subject application. Documents cited in the Opposition but not listed on the Form PTO 1449, were made of record in the present application, previously.

Thus, copies of documents D5 (JP 61-118311A) and D6 (JP 09-227122A), cited on the PTO-1449, are enclosed herewith. See the Opposition for information on each document.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

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